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SUBJECT: U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON
ILLICIT PAYMENTS

1. U.S. IS INTERESTED IN CONSULTING WITH THE U.K. IN
DEPTH ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. THAT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO
ECOSOC BY THE UN PERMANENT COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL
CORPORATIONS, TOGETHER WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT ECOSOC
TAKE UP THE CORRUPT PRACTICES PROBLEM AT ITS NEXT (JULY)
MEETING AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY. WE ARE PLANNING TO
CONSULT WITH OECD PARTNERS WELL IN ADVANCE OF ECOSOC
SESSION BUT BELIEVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH U.K.
COULD BE HELPFUL IN MARSHALLING SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

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2. DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER MARK FELDMAN WILL BE TRAVELLING

TO PARIS-FOR A MEETING OF OECD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE ON
GUIDELINES FOR MNE'S (APRIL 29-30) AND WOULD BE PREPARED
TO STOP OVER IN LONDON FOR MEETING ON APRIL 28 IF THAT
SCHEDULE SHOULD PROVE FEASIBLE. FELDMAN HAS PREVIOUSLY
DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES WITH ANNE MUELLER OF DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRY AND TRADE. PRESUMABLY OFFICERS FROM BOTH FCO AND
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENTS WOULD WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN THESE
CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER. REQUEST EMBASSY TO CONTACT

ANNE MUELLER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE U.K. OFFICIALS TO
ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HOLD
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. PROPOSAL APRIL 28. AS
FELDMAN WOULD BE FLYING FROM WASHINGTON EVENING OF APRIL
27, IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS FOR
AFTERNOON OF APRIL 28. KISSINGER

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